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THE PATH TO EQUALITY. — A few hours of mountain-climbing make a blackguard and a saint two rather similar creatures. Weariness is the shortest'path to equality and fraternity —and finally liberty is bestowed by sleep.

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CALUMNY.—If we begin to trace to its source a real scandalous misrepresentation, we shall rarely look for its origin in our honourable and straightforward enemies; for if they invented anything of the sort about us, they, as being our enemies, would gain no credence. Those, however, to whom for a time we have been most useful, but who, from some reason or other, may be secretly sure that they will obtain no more from us—such persons are in a position to start the ball of slander rolling. They gain credence, firstly, because it is assumed that they would invent nothing likely to do them damage; secondly, because they have learnt to know us intimately.—As a consolation, the much-slandered man may say to himself: Calumnies are diseases of others that break out in your body. They prove that Society is a (moral) organism, so that you can prescribe to *yourself* the cure that will in the end be useful to others.

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THE CHILD'S KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. — The happiness of a child is as much of a myth as the happiness of the Hyperboreans of whom the Greeks